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## DENIES HIS RACE AND GETS INTO TROUBLE

On Friday afternoon, sometime ago, a tale of infelicity told before Judge Parker in the County Court disclosed a romance as strange as fiction. It was on its face an ordinary case of a mother applying for an order against the husband for the support of her minor children, but there was also recited the life story of a young Negro who abandoned his race and its fair women, and passing for a Portuguese, was mingling with the white race. And so thoroughly had he worked out his scheme of race separation that he was one of the bitterest haters of his race, disdaining to ride on street cars with them, and cursing them in the vilest language; and this, while his own father, mother and sister were living in the same city with him.

About fourteen years ago Rose Hill was the belle of colored society circles in Chicago, and her home 23rd and Dearborn streets was the Mecca for all young beaux of the South Side. Her father was old John Hill, for years proprietor of the barber shop in the basement of the old Saratoga Hotel, and one of the most popular colored men in Chicago. The young beau used to see the brother, Arnold L. Hill sitting around the house, but made no objection to his keeping in the background, little suspecting that Arnold had a reason of his own for holding aloof from his sister's company. Even at that early day he was planning to change his color by means of bold, daring, but simple declaration that he was something other than a colored man, and soon he disappeared from home. Rose married a dentist in St. Paul; the father died, and later the mother. But Arnold E. Hill had disappeared never to return until by a chance encounter in a law court he was dragged from his fancied security and rehabilitated in his proper place.

After deciding forever to quit his race Arnold changed his name to E. A. De La Cateau, and joined the Second Regiment of the Illinois National Guard. He made friends here and soon got a job. He attended the social functions given by this popular regiment, and at one of them was introduced by the captain of his

company to a splendid looking, handsome woman of the white race. His attentions were agreeable, though the lady had some sort of an indefinite suspicion that there was something of color about the ardent suitor.

But glibly he allayed these suspicions, and deftly he removed the possibility that he was a Negro by cursing and reviling them wherever and whenever they met one; and finally they married. His father and mother were to be at the wedding, but did not come, and their absence was explained in some way and was taken satisfactory. And when his father died, then his mother, and so there was no further family connection to be spoken of. And yet it lingered in the wife's mind that her husband was not a Portuguese, because he spoke without the foreign accent.

Then came four children, and the happiness of De La Cateau was complete. Meanwhile he had become an artist, and had established a studio in the New Building at Harrison and Halsted streets, and was doing a good business.

Then came another woman, handsome, dashing, and De La Cateau became infatuated with her. And so again the old story of a deserted wife and children was told. The wife went with her children to live with her mother at Drexel avenue and 55th street. She applied to the County Court for support for her two children, and De La Cateau was ordered to pay ten dollars per week. This he did for awhile, but upon his wife refusing to let him see the children he applied to the Court for an order to see them. This brought him into the County Court in person, and face to face with Assistant County Attorney Louis B. Anderson, who in former years had been one of the visitors to his home. De La Cateau, upon seeing Anderson very properly fainted in Portuguese style. It was too late to avoid the issue, and under the skillful and merciless cross examination of the attorney and former friend, De La Cateau discovered himself to be Arnold E. Hill, and a Negro. There was a devilish persistency in Mr. Anderson's questions, as though he resented the evil of this man's perfidy. And so the perry castle that Hill had built tumbled upon his own head, and the life

and happiness of his wife were ruined by the disclosure that under false representations she had married a Negro, and in the veins of her four handsome daughters there flowed the blood of a Negro. And again the question arises, where shall the parish find friends? Where shall the outcast find a habitation?—The Chicago Conservator.

### Disease Laid to Mosquitoes.

According to Dr. Graham, of Beirut, another disease is to be set down against the mosquito, namely, dengue fever, variously called African fever, breakbone fever, giraffe fever, dandy fever, etc. The disease is an acute eruptive fever, rarely fatal, but leaving various disagreeable sequels—paralysis, insomnia, marked mental and physical prostration, etc. Dr. Graham found that he could regularly produce an attack of dengue in a non-immune by submitting the latter to the attack of mosquitoes which had fed on sufferers from the disease.

### A Visitor.

I sometimes smoke a pipe with him  
When twilight shadows begin;  
If I had done the opposite  
The Man I Might Have Been.

He never with misfortune met;  
Men hail him with acclaim;  
He shows me all the good he makes,  
The glory and the fame.

But is he any happier  
When all is counted in?  
Just one man knows, and he won't tell—  
The Man I Might Have Been.  
—McLanburgh Wilson.

### Thinks People Read Too Much.

In speaking of the danger from libraries, Dr. Canfield, librarian of Columbia university, says: "Many persons, even among those who give their attention only to good books, read too much. There is a vast amount of mental dyspepsia in the land, particularly among women, who constitute by far the larger part of the reading public. They should read less and think more. Education and the great increase in the number of public libraries are responsible for the present tendency toward an over-indulgence in the reading habit."

A black eye indicates that the owner looked for trouble and found it.

### GERONIMO IN OLD AGE.

He is no longer looked upon as a Chief by the Apaches.

Geronimo was at Lawton last week. The health of the old chief is still good, although he is very aged. His home is ten miles from Lawton, yet he usually walks to and from the place to do his trading.

He is quite often asked to give an exhibition of his skill as a marksman, with the bow. This he readily consents to do provided a nickel is made the target and it becomes his own in case he hits it.

Geronimo denies the statement of Gen. Miles that the general captured him. The old warrior says that somewhere up on the mountains, when he was on the warpath, two white men came to him and told him that Gen. Miles wanted to see him.

The men accompanied him to the camp of the general and he was made a prisoner. Geronimo says he thinks it was in Arizona, the territory of his birth. Anyway, he says it was up in the mountains.

The tribal relations of the Apaches have been dissolved, and they no longer look upon Geronimo as their chief. They consider him a childish old man, who is too senile to advise them.—Lawton Democrat.

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